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12th Annual Nevada Regional Science Bowl

The Twelfth Annual Nevada Regional Science Bowl will take place February 7-8 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Thirty-two teams representing high schools in California, Nevada, and Utah will test their academic expertise in the fields of science and mathematics during the competition hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO).

Each team consists of five students who will compete for the Nevada Regional Science Bowl title and prize money ranging from $100 for each of the ninth place teams to $2,500 for the first place team. The prize money goes to the winning school's math and science departments to purchase equipment or create college scholarships. Last year, The Meadows School from Las Vegas represented the Nevada region at the National Science Bowl. This year's National Science Bowl will take place May 1-5 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

A mock competition with local teams is scheduled for January 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Mead Building, Boulder City. Two additional mock competitions will take place February 4 and 6 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Nevada Site Office, 232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas.

The 13-round Science Bowl competition will run from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, February 8, in UNLV's Classroom Building Complex. NNSA/NSO and Bechtel Nevada will host a luncheon for sponsors and teams beginning at 11:45 a.m. in the Moyer Student Union Grand Ballroom. KTNV TV-13 weather caster, Nathan Tannenbaum, is the Master of Ceremonies, and NFL Hall-of-Famer Tom Mack is the invited speaker.

Science Bowl is based on the concept of the old "College Bowl" program that appeared on television throughout the 1960's. Questions may be either multiple-choice or short-answer in the areas of chemistry, biology, physics, general science, earth science, and mathematics.

The U.S. Department of Energy established Science Bowl in 1991 to promote and challenge the nation's high school students to excel in math and science and possibly pursue scientific and technical careers. Since its inception, more than 80,000 young men and women from all over the country have participated in this competition.

NNSA/NSO and the following sponsors have donated time, money and prizes to Science Bowl:

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The following is a list of high schools participating in the 2003 Science Bowl:

California
Big Pine High School

Nevada
Advanced Technologies Academy
Bishop Manogue High School
Bonanza High School
Centennial High School
Cheyenne High School
Clark High School
Douglas High School
Durango High School
Elko High School
Foothill High School
Galena High School
George Whittell High School

Nevada continued
Green Valley High School
Las Vegas High School
Pahrump Valley High School
Palo Verde High School
Procter Hug High School
Reno High School
Sparks High School
The Meadows School
Western High School
West Wendover High School

Utah
Canyon View High School
Cedar City High School